

Sermon Notes – 10.03.2021 – A Place to Labor in the Center of God's Will for You

Exodus 33:13-15 "Now therefore, I pray You, if I have found favor in Your sight, let me know Your ways that I may know You, so that I may find favor in Your sight. Consider too, that this nation is Your people." ¹⁴ And He said, "My presence shall go *with you*, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵ Then he said to Him, "If Your presence does not go *with us*, do not lead us up from here.

The Way into God's Favor – "If I have found favor...that I may find favor"

Show me your ways that I may know You

John 14:15-16 "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. ¹⁶ "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;

He Will Go With Us

1 Corinthians 3:16 Do you not know that you are a temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?

God's Desire to Bless His People is at the Core of How God has Revealed Himself to Us

Remember:

Deuteronomy 5: 29 "Oh that they had such a heart in them, that they would fear Me and keep all My commandments always, that it may be well with them and with their sons forever!"

We Have Always Been Standing on Eternity's Doorstep –

We want to live on here, but remember,

We live with the expectation that we have eternity waiting for us.

2 Corinthians 5:1-3 "For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ² For indeed in this *house* we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven, ³ inasmuch as we, having put it on, will not be found naked."

In His Eternal Presence – The Short Life We Lived Here Will Be Swallowed Up Whole by Eternal Life

2 Corinthians 5:4 For indeed while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed but to be clothed, so that what is mortal will be swallowed up by life.

The Holy Spirit is Given as a Deposit – Evidence that we will One Day Receive the Full Manifestation

2 Corinthians 5:5-7 "Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge. ⁶ Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord— ⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight— "

We Are Courageous – We Conquer Our Fears Through Faith and The Assurance God Gives

2 Corinthians 5:8-9 "we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord. 9 Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him."

2 Corinthians 5:9 (KJV) Wherefore we labour,

Definition – Labor/Ambition: *eager or earnest* to do something; - labour, strive, study. A love of honour to strive to bring something to pass

The Holy Living We Are Called to:

Is Not a Matter of Mere Appearance but of Deeds that Arise from a Right Heart

God Has "Placed" You

1 Corinthians 12:18 But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired.

God Has Distributed a Gift to You "Individually" – "Just As He Wills."

1 Corinthians 12:11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

If, Like Moses, You want to Know and Please God More, It's a Good Thing if You Want More From God

1 Corinthians 12:31 But earnestly desire the greater gifts.

You Have Been Placed by God.

You Have a Place to Labor in the Center of His Will

One Day We Will See Him – "That Day," Is Described In Some Scriptures as a Fearful Day

But, It is Also Described This Way

1 Corinthians 13:12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known.